Q862.021917. **PATENT** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re Patent of: Eigo KAWAKAMI et al. Examiner: C. E. Church Application No.: 09/577,608 Group Art Unit: 2882 Filed: May 25, 2000 For: POSITIONING APPARATUS, ATMOSPHERE May 4, 2006 SUBSTITUTING METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING **METHOD** U.S. Patent No. 6,990,173 B1 Certificate Issued: January 24, 2006 MAY 1 0 2006 of Correction

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## LETTER CALLING ATTENTION TO ERRORS IN PATENT

Sir:

Patentees note the following errors in the above-identified patent:

## COLUMN 1:

Line 15, "device." should read -- devices. --.

## COLUMN 5:

Line 43, "close" should read -- closed --.

**COLUMN 8:** 

Line 31, "manufactures" should read -- manufacture, --.

COLUMN 11:

Line 3, "a" should be deleted.

These errors are relatively insignificant. Therefore, Patentees believe that filing a Request for Certificate of Correction is not warranted. Rather, Patentees request that this paper be placed of record in the official file of the subject patent.

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